

GENERAL NOTES.

Great Black-backed Gull in Oneida County, N. Y.—An immature female Great Black-backed Gull (*Larus marinus*) was shot in the southern part of this town, the latter part of February, 1903. This is the first recorded occurrence of the species in this county.—W. S. JOHNSON, *Boonville, Oneida County, N. Y.*

Additional Records of the European Widgeon (*Mareca penelope*) in Indiana.—My last record of this duck for Indiana was noted in 'The Auk,' Vol. XVI, 1899, p. 270.

An adult male was killed March 27, 1903, on the Englis Lake marshes by Mr. James M. McKay and the mounted bird is now in his possession. While he came to the decoy alone, there were several flocks of his American cousins on the marsh at the time, in whose company he had undoubtedly been.

Mr. Harry Ehlers of Chicago, has in his collection of mounted ducks, an adult male which he shot April 7, 1898, and a female shot March 28, 1898. This pair was taken on the Kankakee marshes near Thayer, Indiana. Another male was killed by Mr. Peter Willem of Chicago, near the same locality on March 31, 1902, and the mounted specimen is in his possession.

As a specimen was captured on Licking Reservoir, Ohio, in 1902,¹ and three others on the Monroe marshes, Michigan, in 1900 and 1902.² These records bring the number to seventeen for the interior and nine for the State of Indiana. It is not a little strange that all these Indiana birds should have been taken along the Kankakee River during a period of twenty-two years.—RUTHVEN DEANE, *Chicago, Ill.*

Hybrid Duck—Mallard (*Anas boschas*) + Pintail (*Dafila acuta*).—Eight or ten years ago there was killed in this vicinity by Mr. George Lower (since deceased) a hybrid duck—*Anas boschas* (Mallard) + *Dafila acuta* (Pintail)—which specimen has just been placed in the Colorado Museum of Natural History in this city. I have recently had an opportunity of making a detailed study of this specimen and have carefully compared it with typical *A. boschas* and *D. acuta*, the results of which comparison I here give.

Bill plumbeous with black stripe on culmen as in ♂ *D. acuta*, but in measurements showing tendency toward *A. boschas*, being .75 broad at base and having culmen of 2.25; forehead and crown grayish brown streaked with black as in *D. acuta*, this well defined stripe merging into plain light cinnamon upon and terminating in a blunt point at the pos-

¹ The Wilson Bulletin, New Series, Vol. IX, p. 71.

² The Auk, Vol. XIX, p. 284.